

paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 55 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please substitute the following claims 2, 8, 41, 46 and 56 for the pending claims 2, 8, 41, 46 and 56:

2. (Twice amended) Recombinant CELO virus or CELO virus DNA, characterized in that the region spanning nucleotides 37,391 - 37,972 of the CELO wild type virus genome is deleted, wherein said deletion results in a complete loss of Gam1 expression or prevents the expression of a functional Gam1 protein.

8. (Twice amended) The recombinant CELO virus or CELO virus DNA of claim 2, characterized in that it contains a foreign DNA insertion within said region.

41. (Once amended) Recombinant CELO virus or CELO virus DNA, characterized in that the region spanning nucleotides 36,818 - 37,972 of the wild type CELO

virus genome is deleted, wherein said deletion results in a complete loss of Gam1 expression or prevents the expression of a functional Gam1 protein.

46. (Once amended) The recombinant CELO virus or CELO virus DNA of claim 41, characterized in that it contains a foreign DNA insertion within said region.

56. (Once amended) The recombinant CELO virus DNA of claim 45, wherein said plasmid is pAIM65 or a derivative thereof, wherein said derivative contains a deletion of nucleotides 36,818 - 37,972 of the wild type CELO virus genome.

Please add the following new claim:

57. (New) The recombinant CELO virus or CELO virus DNA of claim 2, wherein the region spanning nucleotides 37,391 - 38,239 of the CELO wild type virus genome is deleted.